

WASHINGTON – Congressman Jim Costa praised the passage of the DREAM Act tonight in the U.S. House of Representatives. Costa voted in favor of the legislation.

“I am pleased that the House has approved the DREAM Act,” said Costa. “Children who were brought to this country through no fault of their own should have the opportunity to contribute to our country’s well-being by serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or pursuing higher education.”

Costa, who earlier in the year called on House leadership to include AgJOBS legislation as part of an intermediate immigration reform solution, also highlighted the importance of both parties working together on comprehensive immigration reform.

“Our immigration system is broken and it will take both political parties to fix it,” said Costa. “This includes moving quickly to pass AgJOBS legislation. AgJOBS is critical to our Valley’s economy and farm communities across America. It’s my regret that it was not a part of today’s vote. I remain hopeful that the new Republican majority will take up this issue when the next Congress begins.”